Your Problems

By Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I'll cut the palaver and get down to business. I'm 45 married, and tend to be alcoholic. I have good insight into my problems and am well aware that the tyranny of a ruthless father sent me in this direction.

A lovely 26-year-old lives next door. She's unmarried, although she confided she once spent a seventh-heavenish weekend with an opportunistic chap.

I see the same pressures building up in this girl that ruined my life. She also had a domineering father who filled her with notions of fear, guilt and conflict.

You may not believe this, but my primary concern is to help this girl to be well-integrated and content. She's a normal woman who needs a normal outlet. Naturally being human, I would enjoy the romantic liaison.

This may not be according to the code, morally speaking, but it makes sense to me. Please be realistic and give me your views.—MND

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Dear MND: I agree this 26-year-old woman needs a "normal outlet." But you and I part company on the definition, Bub. A clandestine affair with a married man old enough to be her father is not my idea of "a normal outlet."

It's mighty generous of you to want to offer yourself for this "noble experiment" but if you honestly want to "save" the young lady, urge her to seek professional help. She needs the strength to break loose from her family. The plan you suggest would merely add to the guilt and the fear—and produce greater conflict.

(P.S. You need a little help, too, Dad.)

Child-Beating Is Illegal

Dear Ann Landers: My son married a girl who has a "strong personality." They have three children under six years of age. She told me early in her marriage that she thought it was a shame the way American parents let their children run all over them and behave like wild animals. (This girl is European.) She said her children were going to understand "authority" and believe me, she's keeping her word.

Several times I have seen welts and bruises on her youngster's backs (the baby is less than two.) When I asked the oldest boy where he got the marks he said "Mommy hit me with the coffee-pot wire."

Once I asked her about the bruises and she said "The boys fight sometimes." I know she is lying and that the children are being beaten. Shall I say something at the risk of being told to keep my nose out of her family affairs? I am heartbroken. Please advise me.—GRAN

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This IS your business. If you saw evidence that strangers' children were being beaten you'd speak up, wouldn't you? Well, please do as much for your own grandchildren. These little people need someone to defend them.

Children should be taught respect for authority but not on the receiving end of an appliance cord. An old-fashioned spanking can get to the seat of the problem very effectively.

Tell your son and his wife that child-beating is against the law and if you see any more marks on the backs of their little ones you'll call in the proper authorities.

Who Pays for Lost Gift?

Dear Ann Landers: A girl in our office collected $1 each from 24 of us to send a wedding gift to the boss's future daughter-in-law who lives in another city. The gift was lost in the mail and not insured. Should she be held responsible and asked to buy another gift with her own money?—THE GROUP

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Dear Group: She should indeed. A person who is so scatter-brained that she doesn't know enough to insure a gift bought with collected funds, ought to be taught the lesson the hard way.

If alcohol is robbing you or someone you love of health and dignity, send for Ann Landers' new booklet, "Help For The Alcoholic," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large-self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Normal Life Ahead

Happiest member of a happy family is Linda, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trudel of Bancroft, Ont. On Feb. 16 she will receive a cheque for $3,250 to finance an operation at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where her "blue baby" heart condition will be corrected to allow her to live a normal life. The money was given by the Lions Club, by the union to which Mr. Trudel belongs and by individual citizens.

Successful Year Reported

A successful year was reported by Mrs. L. Horner, president of St. Matthew's Church Guild, at the annual meeting. Donations were made to the church fund, Springhill disaster fund, Evening Guild piano fund, UBC Theological College and the St. Matthews' Girls' Auxiliary. New carpeting was also laid in the church sanctuary.

The following officers were elected: honorary presidents, Mrs. W. Bown, Mrs. R. J. Smith, Mrs. J. F. Page and Mrs. A. M. Baxter; president, Mrs. L. Horner; vice-presidents, Mrs. H. K. Laird and Mrs. George White; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Rosa Guyton; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. O. S. Moore assisted by Mrs. J. S. Goulding, Mrs. C. Stone, Mrs. A. J. Duggan; readers, Mrs. Laird and Mrs. Stone; auditor, Mr. H. W. McKenzie; pianist, Mrs. Laird; leader for Day of Prayer, Mrs. L. Horner and reader, Mrs. Laird.

A spring tea will be held April 15 in the parish hall.

City Clubs

Children of the B.C. Protestant Orphanage will be treated to a Valentine supper party with entertainment at the home on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Hostesses will be members of the junior auxiliary to the orphanage.

The annual meeting for auxiliary members will be held Feb. 17 at the Princess Mary.

There will be a St. Patrick's Day card party March 17 at 1322A Government Street. Miss Anne Adamson will convene the affair, assisted by Mrs. Nancy McCoy and Mrs. Melissa Nelson.

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B.C. Old Age Pensioners' Branch No. 5, spent an enjoyable afternoon this week at the Moose Hall, where Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Day entertained with pictures after which members enjoyed a Valentine tea given by the social service committee of the women of the Moose. Conveners were Mrs. E. Cooper and Mrs. Martin Smith.

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James Bay Golden Age Club will hold a Valentine tea at 2 p.m., Monday. Members are asked to bring cards.

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The Ladies' Auxiliary to Esquimalt Legion Branch will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the Admirals Road hall.

The branch will hold a Valentine tea Wednesday, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the hall. There will be a home-baking stall.

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Royal Jubilee Hospital Alumnae Association will meet in the nurses' residence at 7.45 p.m. Monday. Nominations will take place.

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The Women's Guild of St. John's Anglican Church will meet at 2 p.m. Monday in the lower parish hall.

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The Rotary Boys' Choir concert scheduled for Feb. 20 at the Gordon United Church, Langford, will not take place until some time in March.

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All Saints' WA, View Royal, will meet at the home of Mrs. G. A. Winter, 288 Winter, 288 Kerwood at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

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A donation of $200 was made to the Senior Citizens' Housing project by the Lake Hill Women's Institute, it was reported recently.

Plans were made to make layettes for Arab and Korean refugee children and there will be a collection of articles for the Indian Hospital near Nanaimo.

Cecil Beaton Predicts:

Era of Individuality In Fashion, Decor

NEW YORK (UPI)—Fashions and home decor will return to an era of individuality, predicts stage designer Cecil Beaton.

"It's time for a return to individuality, and I hope it's here," said Beaton, who today received the Elsie de Wolfe Memorial Award from the American Institute of Decorators. (Miss de Wolfe was considered the founder of the interior design profession.)

The dapper Englishman was given the award for his "inspiring contribution to those arts which concern our profession"—namely, his designs for the musical "My Fair Lady" and the movie "Gigi."

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'It's Time—I Hope It's Here'

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"Although a trend cannot be laid at the feet of one person, Beaton's work for these shows had much to do with a return to elegance. By exposing a great number of people to it, it gained more acceptance," said an institute spokesman.

This elegance is more difficult to commercialize, hence more individualistic, Beaton said in an interview before receiving the award.

"We're developing a style that is hard to copy, hard to manufacture in bulk. It is too expensive for mass production and not easily understood," he added.

Beaton is a handsome man, tall, slender, grey-haired. His speech is as meticulous as his dress. His wit is caustic. Educated at Harrow and Cambridge, he lists his professions as writer, actor, stage designer and photographer "to the British Royal Family and the beauties of the world."

He has designed sets and costumes for plays, operas, ballets and movies. Now he is editing his diaries for publication and is completing a travel book on Japan. He is spending about two months in the U.S. to do sets and costumes for "Look After Lulu," a French farce adapted by Noel Coward, which will open here March 3. He is also doing costumes for "Dear Liar," which will tour the United States.

Beaton does not believe his costumes for "Look After Lulu" will influence women's fashions as did those in "My Fair Lady."

"No opportunity," he said. "The farce is set in 1908 and has no bearing on life today—which gives the play every chance of success.

"But then, I don't think this is a barren year in fashion. It has enormous vitality."

Girls on Guard

Fighting women of Fidel Castro's army are still in uniform and carrying rifles. These two are guards at Havana's La Cabana prison and their job is to walk the high wall surrounding the prison in plain view of both prisoners and citizenry.

PERSONAL MENTION

Capt. and Mrs. J. D. Prentice returned to their home in Sidney recently after spending several months in eastern Canada. While there, they stayed with their son-in-law, Lt.-Cmdr. J. Hilliard and Mrs. Hilliard and family at their home in Bedford, N.S. On the way home, Capt. and Mrs. Prentice stopped in Toronto to spend a week with their son, Mr. James Prentice, a teacher at the University of Toronto.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goulding have returned to their home on Wagar Avenue, Langford, after spending a month in California visiting friends and relatives in San Diego and Palm Springs.

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Cocktails, dinner and dancing will be enjoyed this evening by members of Cosmo-Pals and their husbands at the Chez Marcel. Planning to attend the annual party are Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. George Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Buxton, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dennstedt, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Les Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lee, Mr. Harold Lees, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marconi, Mr. and Mrs. Cam Massey, Mr. and Mrs. L. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Messerschmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Lorn Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Storkey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tantow, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Ellis, Mr. Ronald Bray and Miss Helen Greaves.

First Investors Corporation of Vancouver Island will attend the supper dance together in a party of 22. Included in the group are Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillis, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Earle, Mr. and Mrs. James Napper, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Grant, Mr. and Mrs. James Wight, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Danes and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kendall, all of Victoria. Coming from out of town for the party are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freethy, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Melsness of Nanaimo, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McDougall of Campbell River.

Other Victorians who have made reservations to dance at Chez Marcel tonight are Mr. and Mrs. R. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. G. Worrall, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. G. Scougal and Mr. and Mrs. D. Lambrick. Also attending in a party are Mr. and Mrs. Rod Bales, Mr. and Mrs. William O'Kell, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Imber and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Somers.

A LOVELIER YOU

By Mary Sue Miller

MORE FLUTTER FOR EYELASHES. A lovely writes: My eyelashes are so thin as to look non-existant. What will make them grow?

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MAKE-UP MAKE-BELIEVE

Facial flaws both large and small can be repaired by make-up. How to give the illusion of perfection to imperfect features is detailed in my leaflet, "Make-Up Make-Believe." To obtain a copy, write to me in care of this newspaper, enclosing a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope and five cents in coin.

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INSTITUTE TO MEET

Craigflower Women's Institute will meet at 1.30 p.m., Feb. 12 at Craigflower Manor House with a speaker from the Saanich Health Centre.

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Marie-Therese of Bourbon-Parma

Trouseau Made For Princess?

PARIS (UPI) — A Paris fashion house is making a wedding gown for Princess Marie-Therese of Bourbon-Parma, whose name has been linked romantically with bachelor King Baudouin of Belgium, reliable accounts say.

There are reports, as yet unconfirmed, that the 28-year-old king might announce his engagement shortly to the princess, three years his junior, who is a member of one of Europe's most ancient noble families. One Paris source predicted the marriage plans would be announced within the next few weeks.

Fashion sources said the princess had been fitted for her trousseau, including a wedding dress, at a famous fashion salon.

The dark-haired princess is a descendant of Kink Philip V of Spain and King Louis XIV of France.

Rumors of a romance first cropped up last spring after Baudouin's gala ball at which Marie-Therese was a guest. Before that, there were reports that the king was in love with Marie-Thesese's beautiful sister, Princess Cecile.

The princess, who has had a quiet and modest upbringing despite her aristocratic background, is an excellent sportswoman and has a pilot's licence. She is also a linguist.

Her father, Prince Xavier, was decorated for his services in the French resistance during the war. He lists himself as an "Agricultural engineer."

Hospital Auxiliary Reports Busy Year

Miss Dorothy Mickleborough presided at the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital at Ganges, and gave the annual report from the opening of the hospital on April 16, 1958, when the first effort of the WA was the serving of tea to the 600 visitors.

On May 15, Hospital Day was well attended and, in addition to the useful gifts received, $209 was donated, besides a cheque for $45 from the Grandmothers' Club on North Pender, a small group that has given generously for the past few years.

On May 24 the auxiliary sponsored three one-act plays, presented by Duncan Little Theatre Guild, realizing a net profit of $124.24.

The bargain centre sale increased the funds by a total of $1,163.08.

Linens and materials required, to the value of $1,033.43, were purchased, repairs were carried out and 461 articles made. The auxiliary was credited by the BCHIS with 266 hours of work last year.

Efficient director of this work was Mrs. E. Parsons. Mrs. G. Lowe will now take on a share of the responsibility.

An additional work table has been donated by one of the members.

A picture of the Queen, presented by the auxiliary, has been hung in the main entrance hall, and a scroll honoring the original members of the auxiliary was hung in the Auxiliary Room.

The auxiliary, in addition to linen supplies, has authorized the purchase of a microscope for the laboratory. A chair in the men's ward and a leather chair and footstool in the X-ray room were upholstered.

Bank balance at the end of 1957 was $771.66, and 1959 started with a balance of $881.95, which will be reduced by outstanding accounts for the microscope and antenna, to approximately $500.

PANCAKE TEA

The Evening Guild of St. John's Baptist Church, Colwood, will hold a pancake tea and sale of home cooking in the Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10.

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